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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

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The Acting Secretary returned a call from the President while King Hussein was with Mr. Herter. The President said he doesn't think too much of our last paragraph in the note to DeJaur about coming together in the near future. The President said he is tired of asking DeJaur and wants to end up the letter with "I am sure that unity is essential to the free world". Mr. Herter said we had not been sure how far the President wished to go so we had tried to cover every possibility. The President said he has made some corrections which he will send right over to Mr. Herter.

The President referred to statement in the note where we make the assumption that with negotiations beginning in May it is unlikely the Soviets would take unilateral action. The President said Mr. Herter had told him our Ambassador would tell the ~~united~~ ~~Arabs~~ ~~countries~~ that, and Mr. Herter said that was correct; instructions have gone to our Ambassador.

The President then referred to a text he had just seen of a message to Lodge for transmission to Hammarskjold. Mr. Herter said he did not know how it had gotten out without his having seen it, but that he was not familiar with this. The President said he didn't mind Hammarskjold, as a man interested in peace, saying to the Russians that he hoped they would not take unilateral action, but the President said we can't make Hammarskjold our diplomatic representative. The President said if Lodge wants to suggest verbally to Hammarskjold that he might wish to make such a statement that is all right, but the President was upset by the text he had seen. Mr. Herter said he would look into this right away.

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